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# FAREWELL

## Dr. N. Kannan

Kannan Diagnostic Centre, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru.

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*Living in the hearts you left behind is your most enduring legacy.*
*Your memory is a treasure of service and of abiding love.*

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**From : K. B. Ganapathy & Family**

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# PM has made the world look at India: State BJP Chief Kateel in city

Mysuru, June 2 (RKB&DM)- Maintaining that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made the entire world look at India through his words and deeds, State BJP President and MP Nalin Kumar Kateel said that corruption-free governance, unique policies and developmental works were the hallmark of the BJP Government.

He was addressing a press meet organised to mark the first anniversary of BJP Government 2.0 headed by Narendra Modi, at Hotel Sepoy Grande on M.G. Road here on June 1.

Claiming that there is no doubt that Modi will take the country to more greater heights in all respects in the coming days, Kateel lashed out at the opposition parties for unfairly criticising Modi for whatever he does.

Asserting that the people showed their affection for Modi by instantly following the COVID-19 induced lockdown regulations, which speaks volumes about the faith people have in their leader, the State BJP Chief said that the Prime Minister took the opportunity to strengthen the public health care system of the country.

Highlighting the achievements of the Union Government, he said that distribution of grocery and ration kits to the doorsteps of the poor and the needy, putting money in Jan Dhan and Kisan Yojana accounts, announcement of a huge relief package for MSMEs and such other initiatives were no mean achievement, considering the huge population of the country.

Maintaining that the PM's ambitious Atma Nirbhar Bharath Mission will make India a self-reliant country, Kateel said that the credit for meeting the long standing demand of the State's Talavara and Parivara communities to include them in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) list should go to the PM.

Noting that the BJP Government at the Centre was committed for the welfare of SC/ST communities and other weaker sections of the society, Kateel accused the opposition of playing petty politics over migrants issue at a time when the entire country is fighting COVID-19.

Lauding the State BJP Government headed by B.S.Yediyurappa for effective handling of COVID-19 pandemic, he said that the State stands second in the country in tackling the health crisis triggered by the virus.

On the occasion, Nalin Kumar Kateel, MP Pratap Simha,MLAs S.A.Ramdas, L.Nagendra and B.Harshavardhan and other BJP leaders were felicitated by Parivara and Talavara community leaders.

Ex-MLC Siddaraju, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, District President S.D. Mahendra and others were present.

# Rs. 3 lakh bribe to cover up Govt. Hostel mismanagement

## Social Welfare Department Assistant caught red-handed while accepting Rs. 1 lakh

Mysuru, June 2 (BCT)- A Second Division Assistant (SDA) in the Office of Joint Director, Social Welfare Department, was trapped by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) when he was accepting a bribe of Rs. 1 lakh from a Hostel Warden. The SDA had promised the Warden that the mismanagement at the Government Hostel will not be reported to the higher officers if the bribe was paid.

*Shivanna*

The SDA is Shivanna, who was trapped in the Office at Vinayakanagar in Mysuru on Monday evening. He has been arrested and the ACB sleuths are gleaning more information from him. Joint Director Muniraju had visited pre-matric hostel at Ravandoor in Periyapatna and had taken the Warden H. Rajaiah into task for the pathetic living conditions of the hostel students.

Muniraju was upset at gross mismanagement of Government funds at the hostel and had issued a show-cause notice to the Warden and had also threatened to lodge a complaint with the Social Welfare Department. He had warned Rajaiah that he would take disciplinary action against him.

Meanwhile, learning about the incident, Shivanna called up Rajaiah and told him that if he paid Rs. 3 lakh bribe to Muniraju no action will be taken against him (Rajaiah). Fearing disciplinary action and thinking about his job security, Rajaiah agreed to pay Rs. 1.50 lakh and paid Rs. 50,000 as first instalment. After paying the money, Rajaiah lodged a complaint with the ACB against Shivanna and Muniraju. Acting on the complaint, ACB sleuths laid a trap and Shivanna was caught red-handed while accepting Rs. 1 lakh, the second part of the promised bribe.

ACB Dy.SP H. Parashuramappa, Inspector Niranjan, staff Kumar Aradhya, Guru, Nethravathi, Chethan and Yogesh participated in the trapping operation.

## Free eye screening camp

Mysuru, June 2- Due to COVID-19 lockdown, many have not gone through their routine eye check-up. Keeping this in view, Annapoorna Eye Hospital, Hootagalli, has organised a free eye screening camp at its premises on Hotel Silent Shores Road in Hootagalli from June 2 to 10 everyday between 10 am and 7 pm. For registration, contact Mob: 88844-88262.

# New DCP

*M.S. Geetha*

Mysuru, June 2- Amid the COVID-19 lockdown, the Government on Monday transferred Mysuru city Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime and Traffic) B.T. Kavitha without assigning any posting. Kavitha had taken charge of the post last year.

She is replaced by M.S. Geetha, who was serving as the SP of Civil Rights Enforcement Cell (DCRE) at Mysuru.

# "The Good Doctor"

*Dr. Kannan at the Air Force Officers Mess Husbands Night 2001.*

**By Gp. Capt. Ajay Dudeja (Retd.)**

On the 31st of May 2020, Dr. N. Kannan passed into "Panchtatva." With his sad demise ended an era of which he was an icon. What perhaps is not known is his association with the Armed Forces, especially the Air Force.

*Ajay Dudeja*

It was in the year 1962 during the Indo-China conflict that the Air Force Selection Board (AFSB) at Mysore was set up to select Officers for the Armed Forces but mainly for the Air Force to cater to the needs of the then developing security situation around obtaining in the sub-continent. This was with substantial help from the Royal Family of Mysore — The Wadiyars.

Some years later in the year 1968, Dr. N. Kannan set up the first Pathology Lab on Dhanvanthri Road. Mysore at that stage was a small town and everybody came across everybody else. It was in these times when the Air Force, which did not have a Doctor on their strength, came across a young, energetic, vibrant and dynamic Dr. Kannan. He became the backbone of medical services for the Armed Forces in general and the Air Force in particular for all the personnel and their families.

The Kannans were well-integrated into the Air Force family and were considered an important part of the institution. They were also a part of all the social gatherings at the Air Force and Dr. Kannan was considered to be "the life of the party." Romila Kannan was part of the Ladies Club of the Officers Mess. The younger two sons namely Dr. Laxman and Dr. Praveen have continued with the association. In fact, the three doctors are the Honorary Members of the Air Force Officer's Mess in recognition of their long standing service to the personnel of the Armed Forces.

What will also never be forgotten is the hospitality of Dr. Kannan and Romila Kannan. The annual viewing of the Dasara procession from the old building of the Kannan Diagnostics will be fondly remembered by all Officers and their families who sat and enjoyed the spectacle at a great viewing point, away from the crowds and in the elaborate hospitality thrown in by the Kannans.

I always referred to him as "The Good Doctor." He was. All of us who have visited the laboratory will remember him being there on his station. Always on time, always efficient in control of what was happening around him. He was untiring in his professional duties. He did not miss a day unless it was because of circumstances beyond his control. While he had slowed down a bit he never ever gave up. He was always at the action stations. He was soldierly in his professional duties.

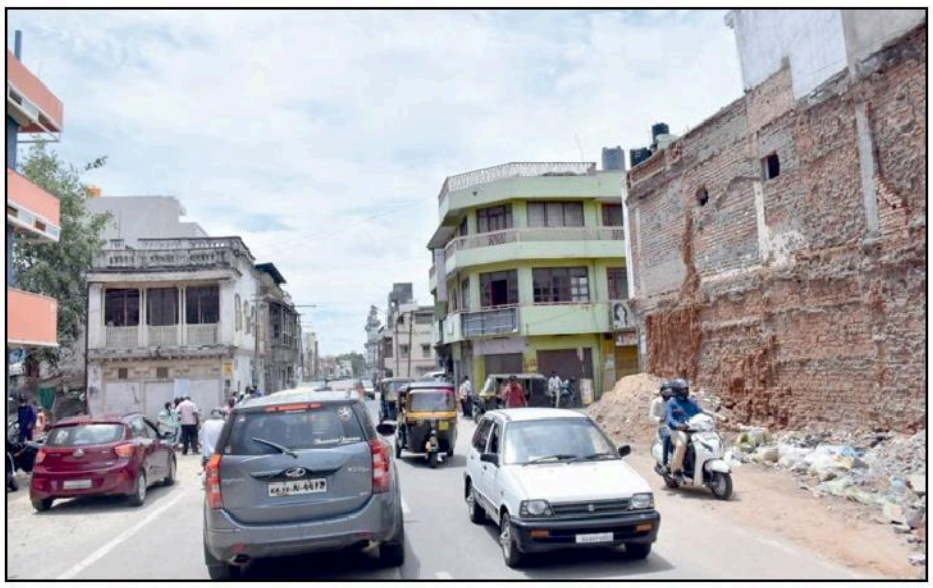
The Air Force personnel, who have served at the AFSB, Mysore, who have had any association with Dr. Kannan, remember him fondly. He made that contact with his sincerity. One needs to learn from his dedication to the profession and his personal conduct. A man who set the bar high and maintained himself at that level.

The third generation of the Kannans are now getting to be doctors and we hope the association will continue. The Air Officer Commanding, Air Force Selection Board, Mysore, Air Cmde. B. Sarvanan, would have a tear in his eye while laying the wreath and paying respects to this icon on behalf of the Armed Forces and the Air Force in particular.

We will always remember you Dr. Kannan. I salute you as a soldier for the selfless service you rendered to the men in uniform.

*Om Shanti Shanti Shanti Om.*

# Pending demolition, widening works begin on Irwin Road



*A construction worker alerts motorists as a backhoe demolishes the walls of City Central Library building on Irwin Road this morning. Picture right shows normal traffic on Irwin Road as only minor works were taken up.*

Mysuru, June 2 (RK&BCT)- The pending works on demolishing buildings (Nehru Circle till Government Ayurveda College) and widening of the entire Irwin Road began this morning after a long gap imposed by COVID-induced lockdown. Along with the demolition of remaining buildings, the works on road widening too has begun.

The City Police will soon close traffic movement on this stretch till the works are complete. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has taken up the demolition of the 350-metre stretch between K.T. Street till Government Ayurveda College. Three earth movers were seen breaking down the walls of City Central Library this morning and the demolition of District Industries Centre will be next.

After this, the MCC has to take up the demolition of the remaining stretch from K.T. Street to Central Post Office (Nehru Circle). Among the contentious properties is the Jumma Masjid which was built by Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in 1927 at a cost of Rs.38,000. Nalwadi had delivered the first sermon at the Masjid. There are 84 properties on Irwin Road that is sandwiched between two high-density areas — Mandi Mohalla, Dodda Vokkalageri, Kamatageri and Kurubarageri. The Road has many heritage structures like Unani Hospital, Chamaraja Technical Institute, Yelakkappachari Choultry, Kalamma Temple, Jumma Masjid and State Bank of Mysore (now SBI).

Though the MCC had demolished over 78 properties, 6 properties had remained on the road as the owners had refused to toe the line. Very recently, Prasad Nursing Home and Chitra's Hospital located on the Road agreed to vacate to facilitate road widening. Even the suit filed against the MCC in the Court was withdrawn. This part of the property abutting the Road will be demolished in the coming days.

After this, the only contentious property is the Jumma Masjid. The Wakf Board that manages the Masjid has told the MCC that it does not want the compensation money but the MCC should build similar dome structure and minarets and also provide land in some other area to compensate the land loss to the Jumma Masjid. This issue has to be cleared at Government level and parleys are on, MCC officers said.

For the road widening and beautification, Rs. 47 crore has been provided under State Finance Commission (SFC) Grants. After widening, it will be a 60-feet (18-metre) road including footpath. The four-lane road will have a median on the middle and will have box drainage feature. The road will get a heritage character with ornamental lamp posts. Much to the relief of commuters, the road will be traffic jam-free stretch.

Movement of traffic on Irwin Road — from Nehru Circle to Sir M. Visvesvaraya Circle — Ayurveda Hospital Circle and vice-versa will be banned. Vehicular movement on Irwin Road was usual this morning even as MCC took up demolition work and works of road widening. Complete traffic ban is likely to come into effect as soon as the major works begin.

# Mysore Varsity placed 38th in Education World Ranking

## SDM-IMD, JSS AHER, SJCE, NIE too ranked among top institutes

Mysuru, June 2 (RKB&BCT)- University of Mysore (UoM) has secured 38th place in the Education World ranking of Government-run Universities in India. The first place has been secured by Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru.

Among private B-Schools, SDM Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD), Mysuru, has been placed in 21st position while Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad, stands on top. Among Private Universities, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER - Deemed University), Mysuru, has been placed in 13th place while Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka, has been placed right at the top.

In the list of top Private Engineering Institutes, Sri Jayachamarajendra College of Engineering (SJCE), Mysuru, has secured 9th place while Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani, has been ranked No. 1. National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, figures in 15th position among Private Engineering Institutes.

(See VARSITY on page 6)

# Taluk Panchayat to set up four COVID Care Centres

Mysuru, June 2 (RKB&DM)- With an expert committee report expressing concern that Mysuru may record over 10,000 COVID-19 cases by the end of this year, mainly due to returnees from high risk States such as Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, the Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (TP) has laid out plans to meet any such emergencies.

At the monthly KDP (Karnataka Development Programme) meeting held at the TP Office in Mini Vidhana Soudha here this morning, Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. Mahadev Prasad, citing the expert committee report, said that as part of the District Administration's preparedness to meet any possible Coronavirus crisis in the future, the TP will be setting up four COVID-19 Care Centres (CCCs) in the Taluk at Varakodu, Hoskote, Doddakanya and Jayapura.

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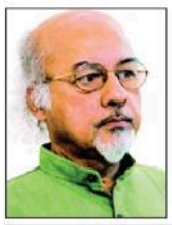
STAR PUNCH
By Satish Acharya
INHUMAN! STOP CRITICISING THE CENTRAL GOVT DURING THIS TOUGH SITUATION!
INCOMPETENT GOVERNMENT! IMPOSE PRESIDENT'S RULE IN MAHARASHTRA!
SATISH ACHARYA

# After 15 Prime Ministers, What ?



## Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

When history bends to the whims of those in power, beware. The British bent it to make them look like benefactors of India. After they left, we have had 15 Prime Ministers. How did they shape history? Some put things down on paper, so we have a fair means of forming opinions about them. Of the half dozen who wrote books, Dr. Manmohan Singh carried the stamp of authority because he was internationally recognised as an economist. Atal Bihari Vajpayee and V.P. Singh wrote literary stuff that appealed to limited groups of readers. P.V. Narasimha Rao was a linguist and scholar but his books were self-consciously contrived. Morarji Desai was too full of himself to make an impact.

The Prime Minister who stood out as an authentic author was Jawaharlal Nehru. His 'Discovery of India' and 'Autobiography' are recognised as masterpieces and continue to be read for their literary quality as much as their historical importance. That made Nehru Prime Minister Extraordinaire in the annals of India. Is that why there are attempts now to denigrate him? These are sustained attempts and apparently well-planned. It is clear that important segments have emerged in our political society that want to make Nehru look historically unimportant and intellectually suspect.

Of course, Nehru did some blunders — in Kashmir, on the border with China. But his overall record remains strong. Much of the technological advancement that turned India into a modern State grew out of Nehru's vision. He helped establish the network of IITs and the research laboratories under CSIR and DRDO. He ensured liberal funding for Homi Bhabha's atomic energy projects (knowing that Bhabha's ambition was to make an atomic bomb; he almost succeeded and paid the price for it with his life.)

It is the same visionary approach of Nehru's that made Chandigarh a world landmark. When a capital was needed for the newly-created States of Punjab and Haryana, Nehru again thought out-of-the-box. The result was celebrity architect Le Corbusier creating a capital complex unlike any other in the world, with a Rock Garden thrown in as bonus. It was as though Nehru wanted to say with Hilaire Bellock: "When I am dead, I hope it will be said that his sins were scarlet, but his books were read."

Unfortunately, we have entered an era when books are not read. There is a new audacity that promotes political partisanship with intellectual pretensions. Look at the boldness with which The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library has been renamed Museum of the Prime Ministers of India. The psychology behind that name change is transparent. So is the reason. Nehru symbolised secularism and socialist equality. Both are anathema to the present dispensation and, therefore, Nehru has to be deprived of his special status in the minds of people and shown up as one who misled, India.

Efforts to achieve this objective work at the mundane level and at the symbolic level. Anand Bhavan, the legendary Nehru family centre in Allahabad, received a tax notice for Rs. 4.35 crore last November although it is a museum-cum- educational centre under the J.N. Memorial Trust which is tax-exempt. At the symbolic level, President Ram Nath Kovind's first speech in Parliament omitted any reference to the first Prime Minister of India although he mentioned Deen Dayal Upadhyaya and his contributions to the nation. The Prime Minister for his part made a two-hour speech in Parliament asserting that democracy developed in India on the foundations established during the Buddha's time. No mention of the pioneers of the Constituent Assembly who laid the foundations of our democratic republic.

It is interesting to see how different viewpoints can develop under the same ideological strictness. When Nehru died in 1964, Vajpayee said: "Humanity is sad today, it has lost its devotee. Peace is restless today, its protector is no more." On a different occasion, his party colleague and present Prime Minister said: "Nehru wore a rose on his jacket, but was ignorant of farmers' woes."

With an American capitalist twist, the 'Wall Street Journal' said: "The BJP has not rejected all of Nehru's ideas — only the good ones such as secularism and the freedom of the press." The bad ones were apparently the "disastrous economic policies" such as socialism and Soviet-style central planning. In the old days good and bad were defined in ideological terms. Today everything depends on personalities. If you are with the winner, you have the world at your disposal. If not, you have nothing at your disposal.

# Earth Day Network declares Kokkare Bellur as 'Star Village'

Mysuru, June 2 (BCT)- Kokkare Bellur village in Mandya District that has the Kokkare Bellur Bird Sanctuary has been awarded 'Star Village' Award by Earth Day Network, an International organisation for Environment. The Earth Day Network's mission is to diversify, educate and activate the environmental movement worldwide.

It is the world's largest recruiter to the environmental movement, working with more than 50,000 partners in nearly 195 countries to build environmental democracy. The Earth Day Network has created a documentary on Kokkare Bellur village and highlighted the co-existence between humans and birds.

"Have you heard about this amazing 'hamlet with white storks' (as that is what its name in Kannada means) that takes such good care of so many bird species? The villagers epitomise living in harmony with nature. Kokkare Bellur is now declared a community reserve under the Wildlife Protection Act — the only community protected sanctuary in Karnataka," the document says. Highlighting the village ecosystem in the international level, the documentary features the harmonious coexistence that is managed and owned by the community and says that it is an excellent example for others to emulate.

"Over decades, pelicans and storks have a symbiotic relationship with the villagers. The birds even followed the villagers to a new location in 1916 when plague forced the villagers to abandon the old village to relocate a few kilometres away. This was astonishing as the new site was devoid of large water sources – no tank, no river. Yet the pelicans and storks happily flocked here. For the comfort of their winged guests, the villagers rejuvenated many tanks and wetlands and created what is now called Kokkare Bellur," the documentary says.

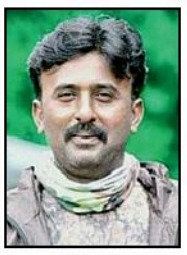
Every year, Kokkare Bellur comes alive with shrill cries when hundreds of painted storks and pelicans descend in hordes, especially from December to June. Since time immemorial, villagers of Kokkare Bellur have been living in harmony with the bird colony breeding in their village.

Village trees are left undisturbed for the nesting of avian wonders and the State Government pays monetary compensation to each family to maintain the tamarind trees in their backyards. Inside the village, the villagers have created an enclosure where injured birds are given shelter and treated till they are ready to fly again.

At any time of the year, one can see more than 1,300 spot billed pelicans in Kokkare Bellur and during the peak breeding season, the pelicans and storks bring tonnes of fish into the village and the food source is converted into a valuable fertiliser for village farmers.

# Jungle Lodges safari vehicle driver killed in road accident

Mysuru, June 2 (MTY&KS)- A driver of the safari vehicle of Jungle Lodges and Resorts was killed when a vegetable-laden mini truck rammed into his bike at Antharasanthe Zone in Nagarahole Reserve Forest on Sunday evening.



*Chotu*

The deceased is Chotu (35), a resident of Karapura, who was working as the safari vehicle driver at Jungle Lodges and Resorts of the Tourism Department at Karapura in H.D. Kote taluk.

On Sunday evening, Chotu was proceeding from Jungle Lodges towards Antharasanthe, when a mini truck from Mysuru to Kerala rammed into the bike Chotu was riding resulting in him suffering from serious injuries.

Chotu was rushed to H.D. Kote General Hospital, where he was provided treatment initially and was later shifted to a private hospital in Mysuru where he succumbed to injuries yesterday, according to Police.

Antharasanthe Police, who have registered a case, seized both the vehicles. Last rites were performed at Karapura today, according to family sources.

# Obituary

**Chikkamma**

Mysuru, June 2- Chikkamma (57), a resident of Gandhinagar, passed away on May 29 in city.

She leaves behind her husband Rachaiah, sons Vishnu and Vijay, daughters-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Adi Jambava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar on May 30, according to family sources.

**Mahadevamma**

Mahadevamma, sister of former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and a resident of Gandhinagar passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her family members and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Gandhinagar Burial Grounds today, according to family sources.

## VOICE OF THE READER

# 'Sherlock Holmes' of Investigative Pathology and Microbiology

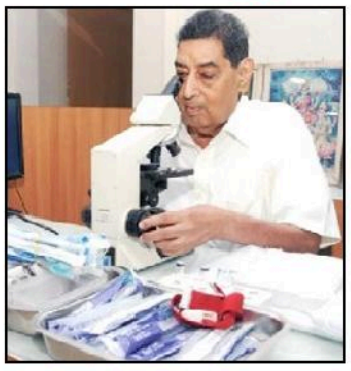
Sir,

It is very sad that we have lost a great human being and an expert pathologist who served millions of patients in and around Mysuru District with the punctuality of a rising Sun, for more than half a century.

He was the 'Sherlock Holmes' in the field of Investigative Pathology and Microbiology.

A few years back I wrote a letter in *Star of Mysore* urging the then Medical Education Minister S.A. Ramdas to recommend Dr.Kannan for Rajyotsava Award in recognition of his unparalleled unique services in the field of curative medicines. To the dismay of medical fraternity he was not awarded that year.

When I met Dr. Kannan later for my blood sugar check up, I mentioned it. "Oh! Was it you?



*Pathologist Dr. Kannan looking at a slide through the microscope.*

Someone from the Minister approached me asking for my biodata for the award and I refused it. Any how thank you for the feelings. My patients' feedback is my award," the great doctor said.

We miss you Dr.Kannan.

**— Dr. Bha. Nagaraj**
**on e-mail**

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# 50 live bullets of .303 rifles stolen from T. Narasipur Police Station

## Writer and Inspector responsible for arms and ammunition in Police Stations: Mysuru SP

Mysuru, June 2 (BCT)- This is perhaps not as scary as rogue elements stealing nuclear warheads from unstable countries. Even then, this is unsettling. Live bullets of .303 rifles have been stolen and shockingly, the theft was reported from a Police Station — an institution to guard public safety and to prevent thefts and other crime.

The incident has been reported from T. Narasipur Police Station where arms and ammunition were stored under tight security. So tight is the security that 50 live bullets have been stolen. The bullets are meant for .303 rifles, the assault rifles that are standard weapons of Indian Police Force since decades.

After the bullets were found missing, Nanjangud Sub-division Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde lodged a Police complaint (FIR 149/2020) on Sunday at the same Police Station under IPC Section 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant) and Section 380 (theft).

*C.B. Ryshyanth*

**Speaking to reporters this morning, Mysuru Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth said that the theft of bullets was a serious issue. "We do not have information on the bullets as of now but the Police Station Writer has the responsibility for the Station arms and ammunitions. And the Station Inspector will be overall responsible for all the assets in a particular Police Station. We are examining the CCTV cameras of the Station and the investigation will cover all angles," he said.**

Live bullets were supplied to T. Narasipur Police Station for .303 rifles and the bullet count was recorded at 2,500 and the same was supplied by Mysuru Police Armoury. Dy.SP Satish of Mysuru District Armed Reserve Police visited the T. Narasipur Police Station on May 23 to take stock of the weaponry when he found that 50 live bullets were missing and the count was listed as 2,450. Satish submitted the report to Mysuru SP Ryshyanth who ordered Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde to register an FIR. Before lodging the FIR, Shinde visited the T. Narasipur Police Station and filed a complaint urging the Police to penalise persons who have stolen the 50 bullets to "carry out any criminal activities".

Interestingly, in the 'Accused' column of the FIR, it has been mentioned 'unknown person'. Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde has been appointed as the Investigating Officer in the case.

# Three held for assaulting Cop in drunken stupor

Mysuru, June 2 (RK&KS)- Saraswathipuram Police have arrested three youths for assaulting a Constable in drunken stupor on Saturday night.

The arrested are R. Mahesh Gowda of K.G. Koppal, Darshan of Srirampura and Hemakumar Gowda of Jayanagar.

Saraswathipuram Inspector Vijayakumar told 'Star of Mysore' that on Saturday at about 11 pm, when Constable Mahadevu was patrolling the area in the Garuda vehicle, saw three youths sitting in the bus shelter, opposite to TTL College on Saraswathipuram Main Road. He advised them to go home as it was late and lockdown was in force and continued his patrolling.

When the Constable came back to the spot after half-an-hour, he saw the trio still sitting in the shelter and questioned them. Irked over this, they abused the Constable with foul language and assaulted him, the Inspector added.

Meanwhile, the Police staff, who rushed to the spot, found that the three youths had fled from the spot. Saraswathipuram Police, who registered a case, arrested them on Sunday morning.

Inspector Vijayakumar said that the youths were produced before a Magistrate at his residence, who remanded them to judicial custody.

# Woman's gold chain snatched

- **Incident caught on CCTV camera**
- **Face masks conceal identity of bike-borne miscreants**

Mysuru, June 2 (RK&KS)- Taking advantage of Coronavirus situation in city, two bike-borne miscreants wearing face masks have snatched the gold chain from a woman, who was on her scooter near Surya Bakery at Railway Layout in Vijayanagar yesterday afternoon.

But what has to be noted is that, the incident took place in broad daylight when motorists were moving on the road, but none of them made attempts to stop the crime.

The woman, who lost her 40 gram gold chain, is 27-year-old Savitha, a resident of Railway Layout. Savitha, who had been to her relative's house at Manchegowdanakoppal, was proceeding towards her home on her Honda Dio scooter, when the face mask wearing bike-borne miscreants came from behind, snatched her gold chain in public view and sped away at about 1.15 pm.

Vijayanagar Inspector Balakrishna and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar besides registering a case. The chain snatching incident has been captured in the CCTV cameras installed at various shops on the road and the Police, who have collected the footages, have launched a hunt to nab them. Meanwhile, Inspector Balakrishna said that a few desperate youths, who are jobless due to lockdown, may have committed the crime and advised women, senior citizens to take precautionary measures while stepping out of their houses and avoid wearing jewellery while going for walks.

# Ex-convict arrested for assaulting man with blade

Mysuru, June 2 (RK&KS)- Narasimharaja (NR) Police have arrested a man for assaulting his neighbour with a blade.

The accused is identified as Alwin, a resident of 6th Cross in Kesare 1st Stage. Alwin was convicted in the murder of a watchman of a College and had served 14 years in jail.

On Sunday evening, Alwin's neighbour 41-year-old Muqthiar Pasha was sitting in front of his house when Alwin, all of a sudden began to abuse him using foul language and tried to assault him.

Meanwhile, a vendor carrying flowers in a bamboo tray was passing by. Alwin took the blade from the tray and assaulted Muqthiar on his face and head resulting in Muqthiar bleeding profusely.

Muqthiar's son Abdul Manan, who saw his father being attacked, picked up a bat and tried to free his father. But Alwin snatched the bat from Abdul and again assaulted Muqthiar with it, according to the complaint. NR Inspector E. Shekar, who registered a case, arrested Alwin.

Inspector Shekar said that 14 years ago Alwin was convicted in the murder of St. Philomena's College watchman and had served 14 years jail term and now he has been arrested again. Alwin has been remanded to judicial custody last evening, the Inspector added.

# Farmers to stage protest in front of DC Office on June 5

Mysuru, June 2 (PM&DM)- Strongly condemning the State Government's recent amendment to APMC Act and Land Reforms Act and the Centre's move to privatise the power sector, farmers have planned a massive demonstration in front of the DC's Office here on June 5.

Announcing this at a press meet at Kuvempu Park near Gun House here yesterday, Karnataka State Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shanthakumar asserted that the amendment to the APMC Act and Land Reforms Act will spell doom for farmers.

Accusing BJP leaders of practicing double standards, Shanthakumar alleged that while BJP leaders chant Swadeshi Mantra in public, the Government at the same time rolls out red carpet for MNCs which is detrimental to the interests of the country.

Maintaining that the BJP Government has no right to chant Swadeshi Mantra, he slammed the Union Government's move of privatising the power sector at a time when the farming sector is in deep distress due to lockdown and other factors. Noting that some farmers had booked marriage halls for conduct of marriage of their siblings, Shanthakumar alleged that the hall owners were refusing to return advance money even though marriages have been cancelled or postponed due to lockdown. He urged the Government to intervene and ensure that the farmers get back their money.

Farmer leaders Devaraj, P.Somashekar, Shankar, Bhagyaraj, Siddesh & others were present.

# CFTRI signs MoU with Schevaran Labs

## To develop efficient environment-friendly and cost-effective quality products post-COVID

Mysuru, June 2- CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has signed an MoU with Schevaran Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, on May 29, 2020 making way forward for collaborative avenues towards the development of personal hygiene, cleaning and related industrial products and solutions.

In the post-COVID scenario, both the organisations have felt the need to have more efficient environment-friendly and cost-effective quality products in the market and the partnership would be highly beneficial in meeting the emerging challenges. During the lockdown period, CSIR-CFTRI delivered over 30 tonnes of ready-to-eat (RTE) food supplements and flavoured water to the migrant workers across the country in mitigating the sufferings of the people.

Further, hand sanitisers prepared in the lab as per WHO guidelines were distributed to District Administration and others.

The Institute is also planning innovative solutions to promote rural entrepreneurships with the involvement of FPOs, NGOs, Women Self Help Groups and to address reverse migration to the country side. Though the primary focus will be supporting sustainable food enterprises, CFTRI is also exploring the potential of quality disinfectants and affordable sanitisers based on plant extracts for employment generation.

Mysuru-based Schevaran Labs was established in 1988 at a time when India was still at infancy or primitive in the area of clean environment as well as think of quality cleaning and hygiene products. Drawing parallel with today's scenario, when Sam Cherian started Schevaran Labs, in a way, it was a true start-up of the present market scenario, but with no support as of today.

A steady progress over the past 32 years has bracketed Schevaran as India's leading and largest manufacturer of hygiene and cleaning products with success in B2B and B2C sectors. Requisite R&D support is provided by Schevaran Innovation Centre. Besides the CSR activity with Personal Hygiene School Campaign, Schevaran has moved ahead in the combat against COVID-19 by providing large quantities of sanitisers to the local District Administration for use by frontline warriors.

With pride, it can be said that the thought process of Schevaran initiated 32 years back has become a reality today with 'Cleaning & Hygiene' being given top priority by the Union Govt. along with emphasis on 'Make in India & Self Reliance.'

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, said that CFTRI would be keen to involve industry from the early stages of product development while fulfilling the customer's aspiration and industrial viability. He also said that co-branding is one of the promising routes for successful commercialisation of innovation directly from lab to market.

Sam Cherian, MD, Schevaran Labs, said that the partnership with the National Laboratory would help building a robust platform to promote innovations and enable the diverse industry sectors towards achieving cleaning and hygiene in its true form. In reality, the impact will be more in food industry sector that would usher in better hygienic standards through customised formulations.

The MoUs were exchanged in the presence of Dr. T.N. Bhavanishankar, Director, Schevaran Innovation Centre, Dr. K.N. Gurudutt, Dr. M.C. Varadaraj and Anna Cherian from Schevaran along with Scientists from CFTRI.

# Taluk Panchayat to set up COVID Centres

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Pointing out that Morarji Desai Residential Schools at these four places will be turned into COVID-19 care facilities, he said that returnees from other States will be immediately tested for symptoms of the virus and those found symptomatic will be sent to the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in the taluk which are being fully equipped to meet any health emergencies. All others will be sent to 28 days quarantine, which includes 7 days of institutional quarantine, he added.

Continuing, Dr. Mahadev Prasad said that with monsoon expected to hit the State this week, the Taluk Administration has taken all precautionary measures to prevent the possible outbreak of vector-borne diseases such as Chikungunya and Dengue. Health workers are visiting every households in villages for carrying out health checks on residents and at the same time are also educating the people on the necessary preventive and safety measures to be taken, he added.

TP Executive Officer Krishnakumar said that all Departments functioning from the Mini Vidhana Soudha have been asked to mandatorily keep hand sanitisers at their Offices for public use as a safety measure.

He further said that taking into account public health and safety, he has ordered closure of one of the entry gates in order to regulate unnecessary public movement in Mini Vidhana Soudha premises.

TP President Kalamma Kemparamaiah, who presided over the meeting, instructed the officials to take all measures for tackling the monsoon.

TP Vice-President N. Manju, other members and officials were present.

# Mysore Varsity placed 38th

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Among Autonomous Colleges, JSS College for Women, Mysuru, has been placed in 26th position while St. Xaviers College, Mumbai, figures in the top place. JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Mysuru, has been placed in 69th place, Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru, in 75th place, Maharani's Science College for Women, Mysuru, in 76th place, SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Mysuru, in 77th position and St. Philomena's College, Mysuru, in 79th position.

To conduct the rankings for 2020-21, over 150 field personnel of the highly reputed Delhi-based market research and opinion polls company, Centre for Forecasting & Research Pvt. Ltd (C FORE), interviewed 4,168 sample respondents comprising 2,214 faculty and 1,126 final year students of 162 Universities and 828 industry representatives in 25 cities countrywide.

The institutions were rated with scores of 1-300 on ten parameters of higher education excellence like faculty competence, faculty welfare and development, research and innovation, curriculum and pedagogy, industry interface, placements, infrastructure, internationalism, leadership/governance and range and diversity of study programmes offered. Higher weightage was given to the critical parameters of faculty competence, research and innovation and infrastructure.

Interestingly, the Education World has an observation about State Universities. "Once reputed for their high academic quality and excellent faculty, the majority of India's 409 State Universities are in a shambles ruined by meddling rustic politicians, over-the-top caste-based selection of faculty and students, and over-subsidisation of tuition fees," it said.

# One-Time Compensation

## Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy launches free form filling drive for auto and taxi drivers

Mysuru, June 2 (RKB&DM)- Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy launched the free application form filling drive for auto and taxi drivers, who are seeking Rs.5,000 one-time compensation under the Rs.1,610 crore special package recently announced by the State Government for the working class, at a programme near Rajendranagar bus stand (Kesare Circle) here on Sunday. The drive is initiated by Team Mysuru in various areas of N.R. Assembly segment.

Speaking on the occasion, Sandesh Swamy said that auto and taxi drivers are facing a lot of hardship due to COVID-19 lockdown. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, taking note of their plight, recently announced a financial package for several sections of the working class, including auto and taxi drivers.

Lauding the initiative of Team Mysuru for helping the drivers in the submission of application forms to seek compensation, he called upon the drivers for judicious utilisation of compensation money. The form filling centres are opened at various areas of N.R. Assembly Constituency including Kesare, Bannimantap, N.R. Mohalla and Kyathamaranahalli, he added.

Ex-KEA Chairman B.P.Manjunath, N.R. Assembly segment BJP President Bhanuprakash, leaders Velu, Swamygowda & S. Murali, Team Mysuru Convenor Gokul Govardhan were present.

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